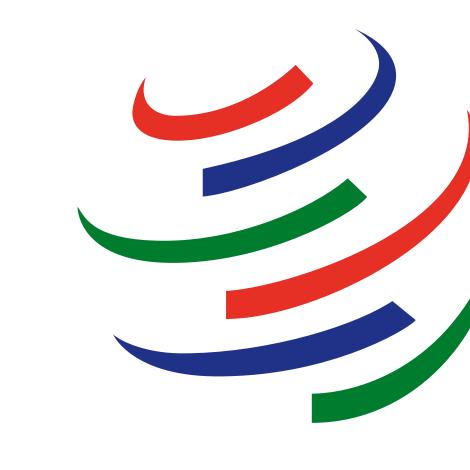
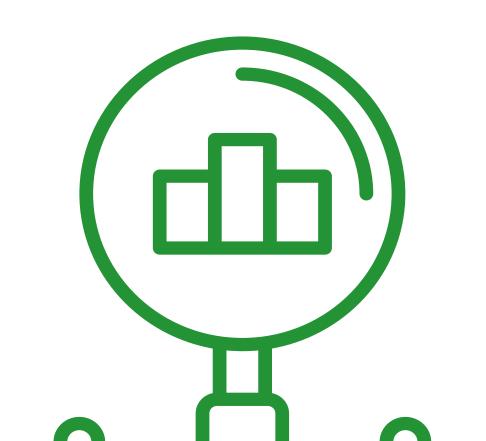
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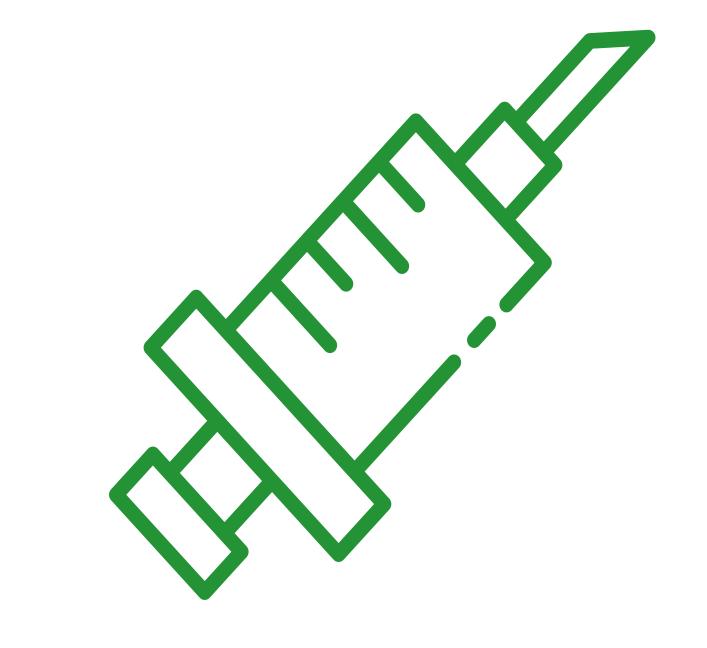




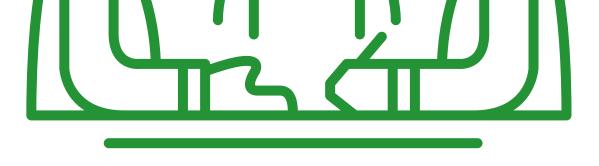
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## The Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement promotes innovation and the dissemination of technology.

It is the most comprehensive multilateral agreement on intellectual property, and it benefits both innovators and users, supporting public welfare.

## At the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference, a decision to diversify production of COVID-19 vaccines was adopted.

Trade ministers adopted a historic decision on the TRIPS Agreement which gives members greater scope to diversify production of COVID-19 vaccines and to override the exclusive effect of IP patents through a targeted waiver. Director-General Okonjo-Iweala engaged with stakeholders to address equitable, trade-specific solutions to vaccine access.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Director-General worked with WTO members, vaccine manufacturers and international organisations to address trade-related obstacles to increased vaccine production.





